

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-23 and 36-53 are currently pending.

Claims 24-35 are withdrawn.

Claims 12, 13, 47 and 48 are currently amended. These claims have been amended to further clarify the invention and to remove any indefiniteness from the claims before examination on the merits occurs. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

The Examiner requires Applicants to elect for prosecution from either:

Group I. Claims 1-23 and 36-53, drawn to a method of selecting odorants, classified in class 703, subclass 2; or

Group II. Claims 24-35, drawn to perfume compositions, classified in class 512, subclass +.

In response, Applicants elect Group I, without traverse.

Favorable consideration and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. Should further issues remain prior to allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATION OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT for U.S. Application No.: 10/028,609 filed December 19, 2001, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, addressed: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on October 15, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.


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